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In re application of

Docket No: Q76997

Makoto NAMIKAWA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/642,652

Group Art Unit: 1771

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Examiner: Arti R. Singh

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For: CLEANING SHEETS AND METHOD OF CLEANING WITH THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

1. JP 11043656
2. DE 19702546
3. DE 29805040

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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant enclose an English language abstract of JP-A-11-043656.

Applicants also submit the following explanation with regard to JP-A-11-043656, DE 19702546 and DE 29805040.

JP-A-11-043656, DE 19702546 and DE 29805040 all teach a foil element. While DE 19702546 teaches application of a label on a compact disc, DE 19702546 does not disclose a label made of a material that is suitable for writing on. Additionally, while DE 39805040 also discloses a transparent foil that protects compact discs, the top surface of the transparent foil disclosed in DE 39805040 is a paper-like material. Moreover, JP-A-11-043656 discloses a multi-layered film which is attached to a wafer, but this multi-layered film is converted into belt carrying electronic elements after cutting the wafer.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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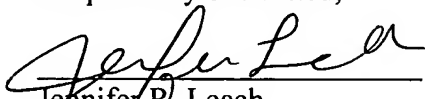
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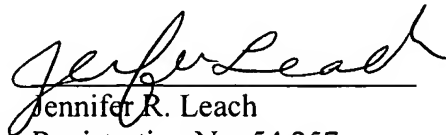
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